

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 98-127-C - ORDER NO. 1999-840
NOVEMBER 29, 1999

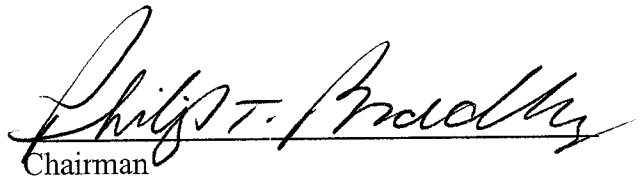
IN RE:	Application of FTC Diversified Services, Inc.)	ORDER APPROVING
	(Formerly FTC Communications, Inc.) for a)	FLEXIBLE ✓ DBJ
	Certificate of Public Convenience and)	REGULATION
	Necessity to Provide Local Exchange)	
	Telecommunications Services in those Areas)	
	Currently Served by GTE South, Inc. that are)	
	located within Outer Boundary of the Local)	
	Service Area of Farmers Telephone)	
	Cooperative, Inc.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of FTC Diversified Services, Inc. (formerly FTC Communications, Inc) (FTC or the Company) for flexible regulatory treatment of its local telecommunications services comparable to that authorized for New South Communications through Order No. 98-165 in Docket No. 97-467-C. FTC requests that the Commission approve a rate structure incorporating a maximum rate level with the flexibility for adjustment below the maximum rate levels for its local exchange services. Further, FTC requests that its local exchange tariff filings be presumed valid upon filing, subject to the Commission's right within thirty (30) days to institute an investigation of the tariff filing, in which case such filing would be suspended pending further Order of the Commission, and that any such tariff filings will be subject to the same monitoring process as similarly situated competitive local exchange carriers.

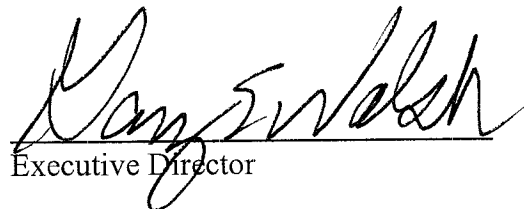
We find that the "New South" method of relaxed regulation for competitive local exchange carriers has worked well for other requesting carriers, and that it is in the public interest to grant the relaxed regulation to FTC. We therefore grant the relaxed regulation to FTC as filed.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

(SEAL)